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## VENTURA COUNTY NEWS

## CYA: Davis Changes Labeled Inevitable

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Davis did, however, reappoint Clarence A. Terhune, an appointee of former Gov. Pete Wilson, as director of the Department of Corrections. The new Youth Authority director is Gregori S. Zernone, 52, a veteran CYA prison superintendent.

In a meeting shortly after his appointment, Zernone said he would make completion of two parallel criminal and civil investigations at Ventura School a top priority, Heutler said.

"He wants these investigations completed and appropriate actions taken quickly," she said.

The top three administrators at the scandal-plagued school were suspended last week after the state inspector general found a two-decade-long pattern of mismanagement and sexual misconduct at the facility.

The report found "a systemic problem" of lax management that minimized sexual misconduct by employees and inmates, and resulted in unfair treatment and sexual harassment of women employees.

"We still need to review the inspector general's records," Beutler said. "His investigators are physically down in Ventura right now. So we haven't been able to get together."

Once that meeting occurs within the next few days, Beutler said, Prentley will make a decision on the



State Sen. Cathie Wright has pushed for Francisco Alarcon's removal.

future of suspended school Supt. Mary Herrera, Assistant Supt. Chuck Kubaek, and security chief James J. McDuffy. They remain on paid administrative leave.

As a longtime Youth Authority employee, Alarcon is eligible to take another manager's position within state government, CYA spokesman J.P. Tremblay said.

"He's been in this department since the early 1980s, and he's been in state service for over 30 years," Tremblay said.

"So he could go to a manager's position. But I don't know what he's going to do."

Alarcon has drawn fire, particularly from Wright, for failing to respond promptly to problems at Ventura School. Even after lawmakers demanded reform two years ago, Alarcon denied prob-

lems until internal investigations last year turned up 64 complaints of misconduct.

In an interview last month, Alarcon maintained that Ventura School has been cleaned up and is now doing a good job of educating young criminals.

"You've got to look at the total picture," he said. "And there are some other signs that a lot of good things are occurring at that facility."

Ventura School has been a center of controversy since 1997, when Wright and other state lawmakers accused the Youth Authority of covering up inmate rapes by guards. Three officers were later fired or forced out.

The current turmoil has prompted parallel investigations—



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